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Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

In the Office Action dated September 1, 2005, claims 1-54 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Inagaki *et al.*, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0010668 in view of Uemura *et al.*, U.S. Patent Application No. 5,720,026.

Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1-54 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) based on a combination of Inagaki and Uemura. The filing date of the present application is July 22, 2003. The U.S. filing date of Inagaki is May 30, 2003. A Declaration under Rule 131 is submitted to swear behind the Inagaki reference. Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in view of the removal of the Inagaki reference, all of the pending claims are therefore allowable.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the

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present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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